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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Edward A. Hubbard

Serial No.: 09/602,803

Filed: June 23, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2127

Before the Examiner: Nilesh R. Shah

Title: DATA SHARING AND FILE DISTRIBUTION
METHOD AND ASSOCIATED DISTRIBUTED
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 27, 2003 and having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 27, 2004, and extended by a one month extension to February 27, 2004, by the petition and fee filed herewith, please consider the new claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any item referred to as being enclosed herewith) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on February 20, 2004.

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